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1. FRENCH DCM JESSEL COMMENTED TO US ON JANUARY 13 CONCERNING GDR FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER'S RECENT VISIT PARIS. HIS REMARKS PARALLELED THE REPORTING IN REF A), EXCEPT THAT HE SAID FISCHER HAD NOT SEEN CHIRAC. ACCORDING TO JESSEL, GISCARD FELT STRONGLY THAT HE WOULD NOT RECEIVE FISCHER BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO HIS RELATIONS WITH SCHMIDT. DISCUSSIONS OF TRADE WERE DESULTORY. THE FRENCH FORMED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE GDR HAS SERIOUS ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES, PARTICULARLY IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE AVAILABILITY. CONCERNING A CONSULAR AGREEMENT (REFB), JESSEL CONFIRMED THAT THE NEXT ROUND OF FRENCH GDR NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BEGIN IN PARIS ON FEBRUARY 9. THE
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FRECH POSITION AGAINST THE INCLUSION OF A DEFINITION

OF NATIONALITY REMAINED FIRM, BUT FRENCH NEGOTIATORS
WOULD BE WILLING TO HEAR OUT THE EAST GERMAN SIDE IN
ORDER TO SEE WHETHER A NEW GDR APPROACH MIGHT BE
ACCEPTABLE. JESSEL'S PERSONAL ASSESSMENT OF FISCHER'S
FORMULATION OF A COMPROMISE WAS THAT IT WOULD NOT
PROVE FEASIBLE, IN PART BECAUSE OF POTENTIAL PROBLEMS
OF DUAL NATIONALITY.COOPER

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